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Further information on UA 366/92 (ASA 21/17/92, 23 November 1992) - Legal Concern/Fear of Torture

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR: **Xanana Gusmão, 45**

Rufina Conceiçao Araujo (female), 74
Augusto Pereira, 43) husband and
Aliança de Araujo (female), 40) wife
Ligia de Araujo (female), 22
Jorge Manuel Araujo Serrano, 21
Regina Conceiçao Araujo Serrano, (female), 18
Francisco Almeida Araujo, 17

and new names: **Armadina Gusmão (female)**
Gilman Exposto
Two children, aged 13 and 15

Close relatives of Xanana Gusmão, the East Timorese resistance leader captured on 20 November 1992, have reportedly been arrested by Indonesian security forces in Dili. According to family members living abroad, Xanana Gusmão's sister, **Armadina Gusmão**, was arrested early this morning (24 November), together with her husband, **Gilman Exposto** and two of their children, a girl aged 13 and a boy aged 15.

It is not known where the four are being held, and there is concern that they may be subjected to torture or ill-treatment while under interrogation by Indonesian security forces. There is also concern for the safety of three other children from the same family, and three of Xanana Gusmão's sisters, **Felismina**, **Manuela**, and **Filomena**, all of whom reside in Dili and who may be in danger of arbitrary arrest at any time.

The Indonesian authorities have yet to clarify the whereabouts of, or to announce the charges to be filed against, Xanana Gusmão and the seven members of the Araujo family arrested with him on 20 November 1992.

Amnesty International is urging the Indonesian authorities: to make known immediately the whereabouts of all those named above; to permit representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) immediate access to their places of detention; to ensure that all those currently in detention are granted immediate access to a lawyer of their choice in accordance with Indonesia's Code of Criminal Procedure; and to release immediately all those detained solely for their peaceful political activities or beliefs, or because of their family ties to Xanana Gusmão.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or your own language:

- expressing concern for the safety of Armadina Gusmão, her husband Gilman Exposto and two of their children (a girl aged 13 and a boy aged 15) who were all arrested on 24 November 1992 following the arrest of Armadina's brother, Xanana Gusmão, on 20 November 1992;

- expressing concern also for the safety of Xanana Gusmão and seven members of the Araujo family who were also arrested with him in Dili, East Timor;

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Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the *release* of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used or advocated violence. These are termed *prisoners of conscience*. It works for *fair and prompt trials* for *all political prisoners* and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the *death penalty* and *torture* or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of *all prisoners*.

- seeking guarantees that all will be treated humanely while in detention;

- urging that representatives of the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) be granted immediate and unconditional access to their place of detention;

- seeking assurances that all the detainees will be accompanied by a lawyer of their own choice while being interrogated, as required by Indonesian law;

- urging the government to release immediately and unconditionally all those detained solely for their peaceful political views or activities.

APPEALS TO

1) General Try Sutrisno — **Salutation: Dear General Try**
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2) Ali Alatas — **Salutation: Dear Minister Alatas**
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Jakarta
Indonesia
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3) Brig Gen Theo Syafei — **Salutation: Dear Brig Gen Syafei**
Markas Besar KOREM 164
Dili
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Telegrams: Brig Gen Syafei, Dili, East Timor

4) Maj. Gen. H.B.L. Mantiri — **Salutation: Dear Maj. Gen. Mantiri**
Markas Besar KODAM IX
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Indonesia
Telegrams: Maj Gen Mantiri, Udayana, Bali, Indonesia

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation
JL. Diponegoro 74
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and to diplomatic representatives of INDONESIA accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 January 1993.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended actions. If possible, send a telegram, telex, fax or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Actions cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly on behalf of victims of grave human rights violations. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action co-ordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.